



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer  
Director of Children and Family Services  
Chief Probation Officer

At its meeting held January 27, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Consideration of report and recommendations by the Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Probation Officer, in conjunction with Children's Law Center and designated groups, on the feasibility of creating an Education Coordinating Council to address the education needs of foster and probation youth, including a proposed model, and the development of a new Education Unit within the Department of Children and Family Services, or a joint Education Unit between the Department of Children and Family and Services and Probation.

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

Later in the meeting, the Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Dr. David Sanders, Director of Children and Family Services, Richard Shumsky, Chief Probation Officer, and Mariann Krinsky, Executive Director of the Children's Law Center presented a verbal report on the feasibility of creating an Education Coordinating Council.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky:

“On August 26, 2003, the Board instructed the Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Probation Officer, in collaboration with the Children’s Law Center and other stakeholders, to convene a workgroup and report back regarding the feasibility of creating an Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to address the education needs of foster and probation youth, including the development of a new Education Unit within the Children and Family Services and Probation Departments.

“On October 29, 2003, over 80 interested stakeholders met to discuss how to improve the educational outcomes for foster and probation youth. The attendees at the meeting overwhelmingly endorsed the creation of an education coordinating group, with shared responsibilities between the county, cities and school districts.

“In the attached memo to the Board dated November 21, 2003, the Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Probation Officer expressed their support for the creation of the ECC. The memo also included a ‘concept paper’ which set forth the Council’s aim and function.

“The ECC Workgroup is requesting County funding to complement private foundation funds that are being pursued. The Workgroup estimates that \$150,000 a year is required for two years in order to implement the ECC. The ECC continues to pursue private funding to sustain the ECC and provide self-sufficiency over time. Additionally, the Children’s Law Center has agreed to make in-kind donations, office space, computer equipment, and telephone usage.”

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board officially supported the creation of the Education Coordinating Council, and took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to determine funding needs and identify funding sources for the Education Coordinating Council and report back to the Board within 60 days on the status;

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2. Directed the Director of Children and Family Services and Chief Probation Officer to make quarterly reports on the progress of the Education Coordinating Council;
3. Directed the Director of Children and Family Services to make quarterly reports on the creation, staffing and efforts of the newly created Education Unit within the Department of Children and Family Services; and
4. Directed the Chief Probation Officer to make quarterly reports on the progress of the proposed Probation Educational Task Force.

In addition, Supervisor Burke requested the Director of Children and Family Services to report back to the Board within 30 days on whether the Compton project will be folded into the Education Unit or how it will interface.

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Attachment

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